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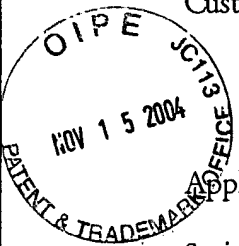
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Applicant: Bolduc et al.

Docket No.: 9494.18378-PROV FOR

Serial No.: 10/693,255

Examiner: Unknown

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Title: Multi-Lumen Prosthesis Systems and Methods

PETITION FOR AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED BENEFIT CLAIM
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3)

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicant requests to amend the benefit claim under 35 U.S.C. §120 of the above-noted application, as follows in marked-up form:

This application claims the benefit of United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/489,011, filed July 21, 2003, and entitled "Bifurcated Prosthesis Systems and Methods." This application is also a continuation-in-part of co-pending United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/271,334, filed October 15, 2002, entitled "Endovascular Aneurysm Repair System," which claims the benefit of United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/333,937, filed November 28, 2001.

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Applicant states that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of 37 C.F.R. §1.78 and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

Applicant hereby petitions for acceptance of the unintentionally delayed benefit claim.

The requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(t) is submitted herewith.

Respectfully Submitted,

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